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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT:** Briefing of COMOR Members

1. I recently was contacted by the Chairman, Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance, and apprised of the fact that in the immediate future it would appear that the COMOR would be required to be aware of Project "O" incidental to the discussion of certain matters to which the Committee must address itself. The Chairman requested my advice as to which members of the Committee were not viscered "O". He subsequently requested that the following members be briefed:

Mr. William McFee, State Department
 Lt. Col. Harry E. Bahnsen, Army
 Mr. H. H. Skidmore and Capt. Mahlon R. King, Navy.

2. For the reasons given by the Chairman, COMOR, and in anticipation of a possible surfacing of "O" in the immediate future, the following officers were briefed "O" on 11 January 1963 by the writer:

Mr. William McFee
 Lt. Col. Harry E. Bahnsen
 Capt. Mahlon R. King

Capt. Skidmore was not available for the briefing, and he will be referred to the writer by the Chairman, COMOR, for such a briefing in the immediate future.

3. The briefing of these officers was conducted preliminarily to a meeting of the Committee on 11 January. After the briefing the Committee was shown the brief motion picture of the first flight.

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4. I emphasized to the Committee that Project "O" was brought into the [redacted] on a limited basis. I emphasized that not all [redacted] Control Centers were authorized at this time to receive and dispatch "O" materials. I mentioned further that a critical review of holders of "O" clearances is being initiated and in view of the ultra sensitivity of this Project, every effort is being made to hold down the number of clearances.

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5. I further requested the Chairman, COMINT, that it would be immensely appreciated if the Committee could avoid generating paper which would require the classification "O". It is recognized, of course, that ultimately the Committee must of necessity generate such paper; however, it is hoped that for the time being such can be avoided.

6. As far as Project "O" is concerned from the security standpoint, with the exception of Cdr. Bradmore, the COMINT can now discuss matters pertaining to Project "O".

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